the following papers:—

(i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and Hindustan Steel Works Construction Limited for the year 1998-99.

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(ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and Metallurgical and Engineering Consultants (India) Limited for the year 1998-99.

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(iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and Maganese Ore (India) Limited for the year 1998-99.

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(iv) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and Sponage Iron India Limited, for the year 1998-99.

[Placed in Library *See* No. LT-96/98.]

(v) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Mines) and Hindustan Copper Limited, for the year 1998-99.

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I. Report and Accounts (1996-97) of the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation, New Delhi.

II. Report and Accounts (1996-97) of the Tribal Co-operative marketing Development Federation of India Ltd., New Delhi related paper.

(SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) THE MINISTER OF WELFARE : I Lay on the Table:—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation, New Delhi for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

[Placed in Library *See* No. LT-331/98.]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1996-97 together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Federation.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers

[Placed in Library *See* No. LT-585/98.]

I. Report and Account (1996-97) of Coment Corporation of India Ltd. New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKTH): Sir, on behalf of SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL I, lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Thirty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Cement Corporation of India Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above.

[Placed in Library *See* No. LT-244/98.]

I. Report and Account (1996-97) of the Hindustan Prefab Ltd, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1996-97) of National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi and related papers.

III. Report and Account 1996-97 of the Central Govt. employees welfare Housing Organisation, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTARAYA): I lay on the Table:—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(a) Forty-Fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Hindustan Prefab Limited, New Delhi for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of india thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

[Placed in Library, *See* No. LT-203/98].

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i)(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi, for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

(ii)(a) Seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Government Employees Welfare Housing Organisation, New Delhi, for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors, Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Organisation.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

Memorandums of Understanding (1998-99) between Govt. of India (Ministry of Steel) and Ferro Scrap Nigam Ltd. and MSTC Ltd.

[Placed in Library, *See* No. LT-201/98].

SHRI RAMESH BAIS: Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited for the year 1998-99. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-204/98].

(ii) Memorandum of Understading between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and MSTC Limited for the year 1998-99.

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SPECIAL MENTIONS

Suicide Committed by Farmers in Many States

कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे (महाराष्ट्र): थैंक्यू सर, सर मैं आपके माध्यम से अपने इस विशेष उल्लेख के जरिए सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहूंगी। मैं आपका ध्यान विदर्भ, मराठवाड़ा और पश्चिमी महाराष्ट्र के उन लाखों किसान परिवारों की ओर दिलाना चाहती हूं जोकि पिछले वर्ष इन क्षेत्रों में हुए ओलावृष्टि और अन-सीजनल वर्षा के कारण पूरी तरह से बर्बाद हो चुकी है।

सभापति जी, पिछले वर्ष जून से अगस्त तक विदर्भ, मराठवाड़ा, धुलिया और सोलापुर की लगभग 4 लाख 35 हजार हैक्टेयर जमीन पर लगी फसल इस ओलावृष्टि और अन-सीजनल वर्षा के कारण पूरी तरह से प्रभावित हुई। नवम्बर, दिसम्बर में एक बार पुन: इस ओलावृष्टि और अन सीजनल वर्षा ने कॉटन, सोयाबीन, सनफ्लावर, चना और गेहूं की फसल लगभगा 4 लाख 60 हजार हैक्टेयर जमीन पर लगी फसल को तहस-नहस कर दिया और हमारा किसान बुरी तरह से प्रभावित हो चुका है। विदर्भ के 90 प्रतिशत और नागपुर के लगभग 6,500 गांव पुरी तरह से प्रभावित हुए हैं। प्राइवेट मनीलेण्डर्स के लिए हुए कर्ज और उस कर्जे पर दिन-प्रति-दिन बढ़ता ब्याज न चुकाने के कारण स्थिति इतनी भंयकर और इतनी भयावह हो गई है कि किसान आत्महत्या करने पर मजबूर हो गए हैं।